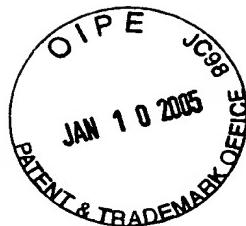


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PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No.: 109419

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the Application of

Jean-Luc TAUREL et al.

Group Art Unit: 3753

Application No.: 09/843,809

Examiner: A. Chambers

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: A FUEL TANK AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING IT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
 Small entity status of this application has been established.

Any additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
TOTAL CLAIMS	*31 MINUS	**31
INDEP CLAIMS	*4 MINUS	***3
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		

**SMALL
ENTITY**

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 25	\$
x 100	\$
+ 180	\$

**OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 50	\$
x 200	\$ 200
+ 360	\$

- * If the entry in Column 1 is less than the entry in Column 2, write "0" in Column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in this space (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Column 1 of a prior Amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- Check No. 162403 in the amount of \$200.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 10, 2005